Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 31 Dec., 1861.

Dear Garrison:

We have good reason to believe, from present indications, that you will have a very large audience. Said the chief manager of the "Young Men's Republican Union" to me last night, "The people will go to hear Garrison eagerly, and if I only knew him, I would tell him it is the great opportunity of his life to set

his cause before the country
in a calm, judicial way."
We want you to take time
to make a strong, clear argu-
ment — one that we can point
after delivery. We shall take
special pains to bring out
a considerable number to
hear you for the first time.

I am sorry to say (though
I want you to regard the infor-
mation as confidential) that
Theodore and I lost money on
his lecture, the receipts not
paying expenses. We hope
and expect that in your
case the balance will

be on the other side of the ledger.

Our dear Carrie is now almost well. For two days the Doctor had scarcely a hope of her life, and indeed she only just lived. Capt. Lavin is now at home. He is a bitter anti-Abolitionist, & we have to mind our ps and qs, for it is not worth while to dispute the matter with a man of so little sense. He'll be off to sea again shortly. Mary Anne is much better than when you were here.

I send you, one day

in advance, but just in time to reach you on New Year's day, my New Year's greeting. May the year be full of joy for you and your household, and may we have occasion before it ends for singing —

"The year of Jubilee has come."

Yours faithfully,

D. Johnson.